DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Directs that the Kunchitiga Community be also mentioned separately in the Schedule of Communities elegible for Backward Class Scholarships.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 5030-3—Edn. 142-21-41, dated the 17th February 1923, approving of the proposals of the Inspector-General of Education in regard to the distribution of Backward Class Scholarships and directing that Communities of similar social and economic conditions be grouped together so that the scholarships lapsing for want of candidates of a particular community comprised in a group may be awarded to pupils of other communities included in the same group.

2. Government Order No. E. 1258-62—Edn. 70-24-123, dated the 30th August 1926, directing that all communities which have a population of three lakhs and more be treated as a separate groups for the award of Backward Class Scholarships.

3. Government Order No. 1513-1712—C. R. B. 8-28-1, dated the 17th August 1928, directing that Kunchitigas be included under 'other caste Hindus', instead of under 'Vokkaligas' for purposes of statistics to be furnished to the Central Recruitment Board.

ORDER No. D. 5435-37—EDN. 466-28-2, DATED 26TH NOVEMBER 1928.

Representations have been received that Kunchitigas may be separated from the Vokkaligas for the purpose of Backward Class Scholarships. At present, the Kunchitiga Community is not mentioned in the Government Order of February 1923 read above, which gives the names of Backward Classes entitled for scholarships. The Kunchitigas are now included under Vokkaligas. Government direct that the Kunchitiga Community may be separately mentioned in the Schedule of Communities eligible for Backward Class Scholarships and grouped with the 'Vokkaligas' for purpose of the award of Scholarships.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

Sanctions levy of fees for the Services of the Department of Industries and Commerce.

READ—

Letter No. D2. 27-28, dated 12th April 1928, from the Director of Industries and Commerce, submitting a set of rules for the levy of fees to be charged for the services rendered by the Department to private industrial installations.

2. Letter No. 225, dated 30th July 1928, from the Secretary, Board of Industries and Commerce, furnishing the opinion of the Board in the matter.

ORDER No. D. 4455-57—I. & C. 390-27-7, DATED 17TH SEPTEMBER 1928.

The services of the Industries and Commerce Department to private industrialists by way of help and guidance in the selection and erection of plant and machinery and inspection of the working of the installations, have hitherto been rendered free of charge. The demand for these services is on the increase, while the staff available for rendering them is limited. The Director of Industries and Commerce has therefore recommended the levy of fees on a small scale for giving advice and technical assistance to private industrialists and has proposed a set of rules for regulating the levy of fees for the services of the Department. The Board of Industries and Commerce who were consulted in the matter have approved of the proposal to levy fees.

The question of strengthening the mechanical staff of the Department to cope with the increased work, is under consideration of Government. But as the resources that can be rendered available for the purpose must necessarily be limited in comparison with the demands of industrial development in the State, Government are of opinion that industrialists applying for the services of the Department may in fairness be required to contribute a portion of the cost of maintenance of the staff, and therefore consider it desirable to levy a moderate scale of fees. The rules for regulating the levy as approved by the Government, are appended to this order. The rules will come into force from 1st October 1928.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

THE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE OFFERED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CONDITIONS. THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT IMPLIES THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN IN THESE RULES.

I. GENERAL.

All fees or other charges leviable under these rules are strictly payable in advance.

2. All fees payable under these rules will be credited to the head XXII Industries and Commerce. Refunds of fees will not ordinarily be made. In the case of advances for execution of works the amount if any remaining unspent after the completion of works will be returned.

3. Every effort will be made by the Department to comply as promptly as possible with the requests of the public; it cannot however guarantee to render any service or carry out any work within any definite period.

II. INFORMATION AND ADVICE.

4. Information and advice in respect of industrial inquiries or of the erection of installations will as far as possible be given free of charge after local inspection, if necessary, by the Department. A statement of the class of plant suited for the purpose together with a sketch plan and a rough estimate of cost will, if required by the applicant, be furnished to him on payment of a fee of Rs. 10.

III. PURCHASE AND ERECTION OF MACHINERY.

5. The Department will, when so desired, undertake the preparation of detailed plans, the ordering of the plant required, and the supervision of its erection. A deposit of not less than one-third of the value of the plant should he made by the applicant before the plant is ordered and he should also furnish sufficient guarantee to the satisfaction of the Department for the payment of the balance when required. For the purpose of calculating fees, the value of a second hand plant will be taken to be its present market value.

The fee payable for supervising erection will be $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the actual cost of machinery and of buildings, if any, put up under the supervision of the Department. In cases in which the cost of machinery and buildings is likely to exceed Rs. 10,000, the conditions under which the work will be undertaken by the Department should be ascertained from the Director.

6. If an applicant wishes to abandon his scheme before the plant required by him is ordered, all fees and deposits paid by him will be refunded except the fee charged under Rule 4.

7. If an applicant changes his mind after the Department has ordered the plant required by him, he will be liable for the resulting loss, if any.

8. All materials and labour required for the execution of works the supervision of which is entrusted to the Department, should be found promptly by the applicant.

9. No plant will be ordered by the Department unless it is to be erected by it or under its supervision, by the supplying firm or by some person or firm approved by it.

10. Persons who have themselves purchased plants may apply for the supervision of their erection by the Department on the same terms as above. The Director will, if he thinks it necessary, cause an inspection of the plant to be made and decline departmental assistance if he considers the plant unsuitable, badly designed, or in any other way, open to objection.

11. When the engineering services of the Department are required for purposes other than the original erection of plants an estimate of the number of days within which the work will be completed will be furnished to the applicant and the services of supervision charged for at daily rates as follows:—

(i) For Superintendent of Industries Rs. 5 for the first day, Rs. 3 for every subsequent day.

(ii) For a Mechanic Rs. 2 for the first day and Re. 1 each subsequent day.

12. The Director reserves the right to charge fees on the daily rate system as provided for in Rule II above in cases of original erection of plants also in lieu of the fees presented in Rule 5, if the supervising officer is kept unemployed on account of undue delay in supplying materials or labour required for erection.

IV. SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION OF INSTALLATION.

13. The Department will arrange for the periodical as well as special inspections of installations, on the terms mentioned below :—

(i) The Department will arrange for a periodical inspection of any installation not less than once in four months at the request of its owner on payment of an annual fee of Rs. 7-8-0 and a report of the result of such inspection will be furnished to him in writing. Special Inspections at the request of the owner of an installation will be arranged for at the rate of Rs. 5 per visit and the result of inspections intimated to him. In respect of installations put up by the Department, periodical and special inspections when necessary will be made free of charge for a period of one year from the date of installation.

(ii) If no application for the continuance of periodical inspections is received within one month before the expiry of the period for which the annual fee has been paid, the Department will issue a notice to the applicant concerned that no inspection will, in future, be undertaken unless the fee is paid before the commencement of the next subsequent period.

(iii) The fees prescribed above do not cover the outlay on any repair works carried out by the Department which should be paid for in addition by the applicant.

(iv) The periodical Inspection of a plant under Rule 13 will be undertaken only after it has been examined and found to be in good condition. If it is not in good condition the applicant will be informed what repairs are required and the periodical Inspection undertaken only on completion of the repairs. If the applicant desires that the repairs should be executed under Departmental supervision fees will be charged for under Rule II.